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MRS. KREGLO SAW FORD

Accompanied by Little Belva, She Stood Near His Cell.

BOTH HORROR STRICKEN

The Murderer Was Baptized a Christian the Sunday Before He Committed the Crime—His Counsel Will Probably Get a Postponement—The Sign Board in the Woods.

It is just learned that one of the most dramatic incidents connected with the capture and imprisonment of Irvin L. Ford, the brutal murderer of Elsie Kreglo, occurred on the last day of the coroner's inquest at the Sixth precinct station house.

Ford was confined in one of the cells, and the mother of the murdered girl, accompanied by little Belva Kreglo, was present as a witness.

The mother had not yet seen the face of the murderer of her little girl, and she expressed a desire to look at him. Lieut. Kelly arranged that she might look at him without being seen herself.

He sent her back into the cell with an officer. She led little Belva, by the hand, going around the opposite side of the circular corridor, she stood in the corner, where she could command a view of the murderer's cell, but could not be seen by him.

Ford was standing against the door, his hands nervously clenching the bars, his eyes roving restlessly up and down the corridor. As soon as little Belva's eyes rested on his face she screamed, and, letting go of her mother's hand, ran away crying.

"That's the man I saw in the woods, mamma!"

Mrs. Kreglo took one look at the brutal face of the negro when she saw them for the first time in her life and burst into tears. She was led back away from the cell and the incident was not mentioned.

BAPTIZED BEFORE THE MURDER

Ford was spoken to yesterday afternoon, making his peace with his Maker, and he replied, to the surprise of everyone, that he was already a Christian.

"I was dipped in the pool of Sunday before I went away, and had my sins taken from me."

He would not say the Sunday before he committed the horrible crime, but that is what he meant. He was baptized by the church on Sunday and on the very next day he repeated his baptism in the life of an innocent little girl.

Messrs. Arthur J. and R. Newton Donaldson, both well-known and popular young attorneys, have accepted their appointments from Judge Cole to defend Ford, but so far have not mapped out any line of defense. They will hold a consultation with the murderer this afternoon, and if he desires it, communicate with his family.

"I happened to be in Judge Cole's court when Ford was arraigned," said Mr. Peters to a Times reporter, "and saw him then for the first and only time. We have not yet had an opportunity to prepare any defense, but will see about that this evening."

In view of the fact that only three days are left in which the attorneys can prepare the murderer's defense they will ask Judge Cole for a brief postponement of the case. It was originally set for Monday, and will be called on that day, but it is hardly likely that they will be prepared to go to trial.

PLEA WILL BE INSANITY

Insanity is undoubtedly the plea the lawyers will enter in Ford's defense, and in this connection it is understood that Little Ford, the murderer's wife, will testify, when the case comes to trial, that Ford has frequent fits of insanity, and that on Monday night, when he reached his home, he was very violent, breaking up dishes and destroying several pieces of furniture.

Considerable importance is attached to the fact that he has a younger brother in the Reform School who is of sound mind.

Several prominent colored attorneys have stated in their opinion at least one lawyer of his own race should be appointed to assist in Ford's defense.

Lawyer John A. Moss of Baltimore yesterday sent a voluntary offer to Judge Cole, but it was not received until after the case had been appointed.

It is probable, however, that Ford will eventually ask that one of his own race be allowed to assist.

The blood-soaked spot in the little ravine by the side of the tiny stream that empties into Rock Creek on which the body of Elsie Kreglo was laid after she was pulled from the water, has been marked by some people in the neighborhood.

A small signboard, nailed to a stake driven into the ground, bears in bold, black letters the statement that the spot where the girl was so cruelly murdered.

Every day the spot is visited by dozens of curious people, who pick wild flowers and break off sprigs from the trees and bushes near by. The place for yards around is trampled as though by a herd of horses.

Mr. Arthur Peters stated at a late hour this afternoon that Judge Cole would be asked tomorrow for a week's extension of time in the case.

Mr. Peters said that he and his associate felt they would need additional time to prepare the defense. The district attorney was asked to acquiesce in the request, but replied that the motion should be made in open court.

WILL ACT FOR CHARITY.
Arrangements Completed for The Times' Benefit Concert.

The first benefit for The Times fund for the Kreglo family given by Mrs. Clarendon Smith will be held at Willard Hall May 15 at 8 o'clock.

FEAR THE AMENDMENT

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HUNTING TWO MURDERERS.

Lynchings Await Them if They Are Caught.

Charleston, Mo., May 13.—A posse from Kentucky is scouring Mississippi county in search of two negro murderers, who, assisted by a third, murdered the marshal of Fulton, Ky. The officers captured one of the negroes at Wickliffe, Ky., Monday night, but a mob believed the officers of their burden and strung him up. The others got across the river.

Monday night, at about 8 o'clock the posse surrounded a cabin on Dr. Russell's farm, near Bird's Point, in which the negroes were hiding. They made a break for liberty and were fired upon by the officers, but succeeded in making their escape, going in different directions.

The officers tracked them into a swamp and think they will capture the friends there. A lynching is awaiting them in Kentucky if they get back alive.

EPISODE'S TAME ENDING

Personal Difficulty Barely Averted in the House.

BETWEEN TWO MEMBERS

It Arose Over the Passage of a Bill Donating Four Condemned Cannon to the G. A. R. Post at Boone, N. J. Intimation That Entire Fraternity Was Not Observed Respected.

Proceedings in the House today began with the airing of something like a personal difficulty between Messrs. Pitney of New Jersey and Evans of Kentucky over the passage of a bill introduced by the former donating condemned cannon and cannon balls to the G. A. R. post at Boone, N. J.

It appeared from the statements of the gentleman that one day last week Mr. Pitney objected to the consideration of a bill introduced by Mr. Evans to pay Samuel McKee \$1,718 for expenses incurred in defending a contested election case in the Fourth Congress.

When a contested consideration of Mr. Pitney's bill and Mr. Evans' bill, as he said, because of Mr. Pitney's attitude toward his own bill.

In his explanation Mr. Evans said that later in the day when he had objected to Mr. Pitney's bill in the House, Mr. Pitney refused a colleague from his State to ask consideration of a bill and getting it, substituted Mr. Pitney's bill for the one he had called up, and it was passed.

Learning this he entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, in order to draw the attention of the House to the proceeding.

Mr. Pitney defended his action and repelled the intimation that entire Fraternity was not observed by his colleague (Mr. Lusk) in the proceedings relating to the bill in the Treasury.

Mr. Evans withdrew the motion to reconsider, and the episode ended.

This was followed by the introduction of a resolution by Mr. Wheeler, directing that the matter inserted in the Record of yesterday by Mr. Pitney, in his speech criticizing the gentleman from Alabama regarding the unauthorized insertion of several pages of tables in the Record, be stricken out.

A point of order was made by Mr. Dingley, and Speaker Reed held that the resolution was privileged, and Mr. Wheeler began to address the House upon it.

WHEELER'S SPEECH.
He found great difficulty, however, in proceeding in order, and finally was permitted by unanimous consent to make a five-minute speech. At the conclusion of that period he withdrew the resolution.

It appeared in the course of Mr. Wheeler's remarks, added the letter "S" to a word and changed the word "cease" to "be stopped."

This tempest in a teapot having been stilled the House returned to the consideration of the bill introduced by Mr. Pitney, and Mr. Cook resumed his argument in favor of Binker.

Largest Family in the World.
Lancaster, Pa., May 13.—The first anniversary of the Hans Herr Memorial Association will be held in the courthouse here on May 27. An entertaining program has been arranged, and it is expected that a large number of members of the family will be present. The Hans Herr family is probably the largest in the world, consisting of 30,000 descendants of Hans Herr, the pioneer settler of what is now Lancaster county.

County Commissioner Acquitted.
Chicago, May 13.—County Commissioner McNichols was acquitted of the charge of receiving a bribe of \$1,200 to prevent the indictment of a murderer in Judge Evans' court. The jury, after five days' deliberation, returned a verdict of acquittal.

Work of Coast Survey Steamers.
Baltimore, Md., May 13.—The United States coast survey steamer Endeavor, which has been laid up for the past six months at Woodall's shipyard, sailed today for New York, thence to duty off the east end of Long Island, where the summer will be spent in observing currents and doing other work.

None the Worse for the Fall.
Lancaster, Pa., May 13.—The four-year-old son of Herbert Hoffmeister had a remarkable escape from death or serious injury. Left alone in a bedroom on the second floor, the child pushed open the shutters of a window and tumbled to the brick pavement below. When his mother went to the room after him he was missing, and she found him lying on a stoop in the yard, slightly injured by the fall.

Chicagoan Kills His Wife.
Chicago, May 13.—Daniel McCarthy, a bookbinder, shot and instantly killed his wife at her mother's home, 243 Illinois street, yesterday. McCarthy made his escape, but was later captured by police.

Chairman Babcock Ill.
Chairman Babcock of the House District Committee is confined to his residence by a severe cold.

Chew Mint Julep Gum.
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MYSTERY OF A FATALITY

Dead Body Found In the New Postoffice Building.

MAY HAVE BEEN A SUICIDE

Remains of Thomas James Lay in the Basement Twenty-four Hours Before Being Discovered—He Fell From the Fourth Floor—Wife and Children Left Desolate.

For nearly twenty-four hours the dead body of Thomas F. James, an ex-employee on the new city postoffice building, lay in a secluded turret corner on the basement floor. It was found today about noon by John Lindsey, a state contractor, who entered the basement, near the turret, to examine the elevator which conveys slate to the roof.

The head was resting on a blood-covered brick, and a long gash across the temple and top told how the man had died. Blood saturated the ground where the head rested and the brains had oozed out on the boards and earth. The body was partly bent, with the head toward the stone forming the turret and the feet extending in the direction of the elevator. It is said that the workmen got into this particular part of the building, and this, with the secluded corner where the body was found, is said to be the reason why it was not earlier discovered.

There are two theories as to the man's death. One is that it was accidental and the other that it was suicide. He had been out of work for several days and his last visit to the building, made yesterday, was for the purpose of getting reinstated.

Charles E. Barbour, who employed James, told a Times representative that about six weeks ago he hired the man to do pointing work on the south end of the building. With three other men James was discharged at noon Monday. The particular reason for the discharge was that James was dilatory in his work.

HE ASKED FOR WORK.
"Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock," said Mr. Barbour, "when I was on the fourth floor of the southwest end of the building, I was surprised on turning around to see James standing near me. He was under the influence of liquor and asked me to re-employ him. This I refused to do and told him to go down immediately."

"I then turned around and went away from him in the direction of my workmen. That was the last I saw of the man until today about noon, when I was summoned to the basement floor by Mr. John Lindsey, the state contractor, who first discovered James' body."

Mr. Barbour accompanied the Times' representative to the place where he had left James. To reach the spot where they interviewed "look place," it is necessary to climb several flights and cling for support to the bare brick wall, or jump from girder to girder, and it is believed James followed the latter plan on his way to see Barbour.

When the latter left him, James evidently turned around and went in the direction of the turret. It is 130 feet from the ground and only five single iron girders cross between the fourth floor and the basement.

REMOVED TO THE MORGUE.
The remains were removed to the morgue and upon examination it was discovered that death had been instantaneous and that his only injury, besides the crushed skull, was a broken leg. In his pocket was found \$5.10, but no papers to indicate suicidal intentions. This makes the fifth death at this postoffice.

James was a tanner by trade, but had been out of steady employment for a long time, and had worked as a mason and laborer. Last Saturday he was laid off at the new city postoffice, where he had been employed temporarily. Sunday he went fishing and obtained the principal part of his family's sustenance for several days.

Yesterday morning he left his little home on No. 616 North Capitol street, and his whereabouts were unknown until he was discovered dead today.

When the dead news was linked to the widow by a Times reporter, the poor, desolate woman burst into tears, exclaiming: "My poor, dear babies, left without a father, and there is not 5 cents in this house."

WIFE FEARED SUICIDE.
Yesterday morning James was very dejected and melancholy, and stated to his wife that the whole world seemed to be against him, and that he was tired of living, as he could obtain no employment. He was behind in rent for the little house, and had reached his limit of credit at the grocer's.

He bade his wife good-bye, and left the house in search of work. Last night, as he did not return, and as it was the first time he had ever remained away all night during their married life of six years, the little woman was much distressed and eagerly listened for the footsteps of her husband. She had thought he was searching for work until the sad news was told her by a Times representative.

The two children, Marie, a bright little girl of four years, and Irving, a boy of two, shared their mother's sorrow without knowing why they wept.

Mrs. James thought her husband had contemplated suicide, and went to the postoffice building to end his life if he could not get work.

Demorara Colonists Will Protest.
Colon, Colombia, May 13.—The British colony in Demorara, against the delay in the settlement of the boundary question between Great Britain and Venezuela, representing that local interests are suffering greatly. An early settlement of the dispute is urged, without sacrifice of territorial rights.

Two Women Killed by a Train.
Beloit, Wis., May 13.—Mrs. Margaret Snyder, an old lady, was killed and Miss Myrtle Silverthorn, a young friend, fatally hurt by being struck by a train on the Chicago and Northwestern road at Footville yesterday. A tremendous hailstorm prevailed when the accident happened and the train could not be seen.

Three Persons Injured by a Cyclone.
Nocona, Tex., May 13.—Three persons were seriously injured by a cyclone which struck this place yesterday. The injured are: Child of S. K. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pruett. At 3 o'clock the cyclone struck the homes of Davis and Pruett, completely demolishing them. The storm was accompanied by heavy rain and hail.

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TO BECOME A FILIBUSTER.

City of Richmond Being Fitted Out for a Urban Service.

The City of Richmond, formerly in the excursion trade here with the Chesapeake and Potomac Steamboat Company, is being overhauled at Woodall's dry dock, in Baltimore, preparatory to going into the service of the Cuban revolutionary forces. It is understood that she is now owned by a gentleman in Key West.

Secretary Fletcher, of the Chesapeake and Potomac Steamboat Company, said today that when his company had an option on the boat they were approached by Cuban sympathizers here to put her to this use. The James Clark Company, of Baltimore, have the contract to repair the boat's hull and boilers.

BEN MCKEE SERIOUSLY ILL.
Gen. Harrison's Grandson Has an Attack of Pneumonia.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 13.—Benjamin Harrison McKee, grandson of Gen. Harrison and son of Mr. J. R. McKee and Mrs. Annie Harrison McKee, is seriously ill with what appears to be pneumonia. Mr. McKee, who was in New York, was summoned to this village yesterday, and arrived here on the morning train.

Mr. McKee recently moved from Schenectady to this village.

KEEPING ORDER IN KOREA
Japan and Russia Have Come to an Understanding.

China Will Get a New Mint—Dollar to Supercede the Tael as Unit of Chinese Currency.

San Francisco, May 13.—(Correspondence of the United Press from Peking.)

Tokio, Japan, April 21.—An entente has been established between Japan and Russia with reference to Korean affairs. The details of the arrangements have not been definitely settled, but its outlines are that the two powers will henceforward co-operate to preserve good order in Korea.

There is not to be anything in the form of a treaty of convention, and it goes without saying that no idea of an offensive or defensive alliance is entertained. An exchange of diplomatic notes will represent the whole procedure. Of course, Russian and Japanese troops will be stationed in the peninsula, but in what numbers or proportions remains still uncertain.

The victory of the Liang King has contracted with the Shanghai firm of Buchan & Co. for the erection of a mint at Nanking, inside the city, for silver and copper coinage. According to accounts published in Shanghai, the mint will be capable of turning out 100,000 silver coins and 1,000,000 copper cash a day.

The silver coins will be dollars, exactly equivalent to Mexican dollars, and fractional currency and half dollars will not have on them the statement that they represent a fraction, and this fact points to the dollar gradually superseding the tael as the unit of Chinese currency.

At the present prices of silver, of copper and steel, one thousand cash of the ordinary size, cost considerably more than \$1, and the size of the new cash will be accordingly reduced. It is stipulated that a foreign assayer is to be permanently employed, so that there may be no doubt of the purity of the silver coinage.

The members of the American commission sent from Tien-Tsin to Sechen last year have now returned from their long and tedious excursion. They speak in the highest terms of the courtesy and kindness shown toward them by the Chinese officials along their route.

There is a strong probability that Mr. Soshi Tora, a prominent politician, will be sent as Japanese representative to Washington, to replace Mr. Kurino, who will be transferred to Rome.

The great English firm of Jardine, Matheson & Company have secured the first contract in connection with Chinese railway construction, 10,000 cases of Portland cement and 2,000 tons of steel rails and fastenings. Japan ought to be able to afford Europe in the matter of cement, but probably the Chinese railway contractors did not give her a chance.

MINISTER DUN'S RETURN.
Our Representative in Japan Is Coming Home on His Vacation.

San Francisco, May 13.—United States Minister Edwin Dun of Japan was among the passengers here by the steamer China yesterday.

"I am absent on my regular vacation," said Mr. Dun. "That's all there is